

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed in the application on June 27, 2006. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition and fee (\$1020) for a three-month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action. Authorization has been provided to charge any additional fees necessary for entry of this Amendment to Deposit Account 50-2616.

Claims 1-10 and 12-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended herein and claims 4, 5, 8-10, 14, 15 and 18-21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 11 was cancelled without prejudice in applicant's previous amendment.

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has cancelled claims 18-21, rendering the Examiner's rejections thereto moot.

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 12, 13 and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langston Jr. et al. in view of Lombardi et al., Miller, Reber or Houghland. The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 1-3 and 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langston Jr. et al. in view of any one of Laido, Wolf or Bauer et al. and any one of Lombardi et al., Miller, Reber or Houghland. Applicant submits the cancellation of claims 8-10 and 18-21 renders the Examiner's rejections with respect thereto moot. With regard to applicant's pending independent claims 1 and 12, as amended, and claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 13, 16 and 17, which depend therefrom, the Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner has indicated that claims 4, 5, 14 and 15 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the limitations previously recited in dependent claims 4, 5, and 14 and 15, respectively. In particular, claim 1, which is directed to a double-walled gift box apparatus comprising a base box and cover each formed as a double walled tray, has been amended to recite that the creased gussets connecting the inner side panels and inner end panels of the tray forming sheet are locked in place by adhesive applied to inward facing surfaces of the outer end panels, and that the outer side and outer end panels have strips of adhesive applied to inner surfaces thereof prior to folding the outer end panels on the inner end panels, the strips of adhesive on the inner surfaces of the outer side panels contacting and adhering to inner surfaces of the sides of the stiffening sheet. Claim 12, which is directed to a double-walled gift box apparatus comprising a base box formed as a double walled tray, has been similarly amended. Claims 8 and 18, directed to methods for fabricating the gift box apparatus corresponding to claims 1 and 12, respectively, have been cancelled by this amendment.

Having rewritten claims 4, 5, 14 and 15 in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claims 1 and 12, and their respective dependent claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 13, 16 and 17, are patentable. Reconsideration of these claims is thus respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application, a request is made that the Examiner telephone applicant's

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